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Why Contribute to Ministerial Education?

The need of an educated ministry requires no proof. To make objection to it is to oppose the progress of the cause of Christ. But whether the churches should make special gifts to defray the expenses of young preachers while in school is another question. I find that people look at the matter very differently. One man said, "The best investment I ever made was the money I gave to ministerial education." And with pride he would point to some worthy young preacher whom he had helped. Others have said they could not send their boys to college and they did not feel like paying some other boy's way in college. Why should they help the other boy up in the world when they could not help their own? One thing we should remember, that what we give to ministerial education will not keep us from sending our boys to school. The dollar or more that you give will not affect that question. I don't know whether I shall be able to send my boys to college, but I do know that whether I do or not, I want them to have preachers who have been thoroughly educated. I want them to have pastors of the first order of consecrated intelligence. And I am glad to help provide it by my little contribution.

We are not "helping them up in the world to have a good time." The most thoroughly educated man in the ministry has the hardest time from the standpoint of work. You ask some pastor of a city church, or of four country churches, if he is busy. If he is not, you may write him down a failure. The preacher who is in demand has more visiting to do than the average doctor, more speaking than the average lawyer, more business than the average merchant, having the business interests of the whole church to look after. He needs to be educated, to endure hardness. If he has a good time it is because he toes the mark of the Lord and is most happy when he has the most to do in self-forgetting service of God and humanity. If you think that these preachers have a good time, just ask one of them to let you have his place a month or so as you want a little recreation. Or just go with one, note his visits, hours of study, speaking necessary, with a multitude of details to be looked after, then give us your opinion.

But you are afraid that some of these young men are not worthy? True, the churches are not always as particular about licensing preachers as they should be. But every precaution is taken that can reasonably be demanded of the Ministerial Board at Clinton. Yet there may be sometimes an unworthy man helped,

for all the brethren are fallible beings. But suppose one in twelve is an imposter, such was the case with the twelve apostles. Shall we withhold help from the eleven and so deprive ourselves of an educated ministry? In the goodly State of Mississippi today we have a stronger ministry, stronger churches in numbers and spirituality, a more influential denomination because of the help the churches have given to ministerial education. I think no observer of our work will dispute that statement. And if that be so, it is clear that we should support this work, for the sake of the cause of Christ. It is better to send your contributions to the president, W. T. Lowrey, than to send to some person.

The common fund forms the basis for regular support, while personal gifts to certain ones would lack uniformity and keep the pupil in a disturbed state, which would prevent his doing the best work in his studies. It is all right for these young preachers to receive help too. If I should hire a lot of hands to clear up a piece of land and they were at it with dull axes and I present them with a grindstone, they would do themselves an injury and me an injustice not to accept it and make use of it. The school is the grindstone, the preachers' minds are the axes, and faithfulness to all concerned requires that they make good use of the grindstone. Send on your contributions, brethren.

Way Notes.

Mistakes will occur with the best of us, and the tramp is not an exception to the general rule. It is his pleasure, however, to make corrections where it is possible.

This note is offered explanatory of recent derelictions. First, in notes of visit to Clinton some days since, Mississippi College, with its more than 300 students and its able faculty were given proper notice, while the religious forces were efficiently directed by P. I. Lipsey, while Dr. J. L. Johnston, with his young ladies' college, overflowing with bright and charming girls, was entirely overlooked. Be it known, therefore, that Hillman College, with her president and his worthy assistants, is much in evidence and doing work equal to the best.

Gallman, the field of Rev. J. F. Tull, was also visited, and special kindnesses were received from the bishop and yet his field was overlooked. It is with special pleasure that the tramp makes this correction. Bro. Tull is a most lovable brother and it is the opinion of this writer that he has one of the most interesting fields in the State. He is happy in his work and is hopeful for the future.

A recent visit was also made to Star, the

home of Rev. S. Morris, who is doing a splendid work in this field. The new church house is not yet complete, but when completed, it will be quite an ornament to the town and an honor to the worthy efforts of this noble man of God.

Bro. M. has the efficient backing of Brother Dillake and others through whose untiring efforts the work is being carried forward.

With the promise of amends for the future the tramp subsides.

O. M. LUCAS.

Resolution.

WHEREAS, Our beloved pastor, W. C. Grace, has served this Macon Baptist Church faithfully for the past four years and has been called to a new field and is now going to leave us. Be it

Resolved, That we as a church do now express our deep regret in having to extend to him the parting hand, but in doing so, will assure him that we shall always remember the sweet and tender exhortations he has so faithfully delivered to us and that as a church we extend to him and his consecrated wife and family our prayers and ask that he ever remember us.

While in the removing of Brother Grace we recognize and feel the loss, we commend him to the people of Gulfport as a consecrated and faithful minister of God.

Upon the adoption of the above resolutions, it was ordered that the clerk be directed to spread same on the church minutes and furnish a copy to THE BAPTIST and one to the church at Gulfport and one to Brother W. C. Grace.

Done in conference, by order of the church, this the 14th day of February, A. D. 1904.

Z. T. DORROH, Mod., pro tem.

S. M. T. THOMAS, Church Clerk.

Notice.

DEAR SISTERS:

Many of the pledges made at our State Convention for Hakka Home and Church Building and Loan fund have not been paid. Will each one of you bring this matter before your societies and see that the money is promptly sent. There is an urgent need for it at once. God bless and direct your efforts in His Name.

Yours in the work,
(MRS.) W. R. WOODS.

Senator Mark Hanna, of Cleveland, Ohio, died in Washington on the evening of the 15th inst. His remains will be interred at Cleveland, about Sunday.

A Visit to the Baptist Orphanage.

Brother J. R. Carter seems to have gotten hold of his work admirably during the short time that he has been superintendent of the institution.

Most of us have heard that he has paid the last cent of indebtedness that was against the Orphanage when he took hold of the work. This of course was due to the large hearted liberality of the churches throughout the State and to the private gifts of individuals, for which Brother Carter is truly grateful. Some of the people have the cause so much on their hearts that gifts are made regularly each month during the year. This of course is better than spasmodic giving, as it affords a surer basis for the sustenance of our little ones.

The Orphanage has now a good system of water works and first rate laundry and culinary departments, and nearly all of the rooms are modestly but comfortably furnished. Some few of the rooms in the "Jennings Hall" have not yet been furnished, but I understand these are not really needed just now, there being only eighty-three children in the Home at this time.

Brother Derrick, showed me a large crib of corn which he raised last year, and thought it would be sufficient to last till corn comes again. Yesterday the boys were threshing and winnowing peas—getting them ready to plant, and to cook. If any of our farmer brethren have more peas than they will need at home a gift of some of these would be acceptable at the Orphanage just now. I say this at my own suggestion.

The Orphanage is just passing through an epidemic of measles, with a few cases of pneumonia. There were fifty cases in all, and through the good providence of our God not a life has been lost.

Dr. F. L. Fulham, the noble hearted Christian gentleman that he is, has attended these patients with as much care and skill and loving devotion as possible, and all at his own charge. Surely the Lord will keep this good doctor in mind when He comes to reward those of whom James speaks in the first chapter and twenty-seventh verse of his Epistle.

Brother Carter says Miss Ida Flowers is a real mother to these little ones. She could not be induced to leave the bedside of the sickest of these till she knew the crisis had passed. God will bless her for her unwearied, loving care of these little ones.

It would lengthen the account of this visit too long to speak of all that I saw and heard. Left with the prayer upon my heart that the good hand of our God may be upon this institution which was founded through the prayers and efforts of Brother L. S. Foster.

R. A. COHRON.

Utica, Miss., Feb. 9, 1904.

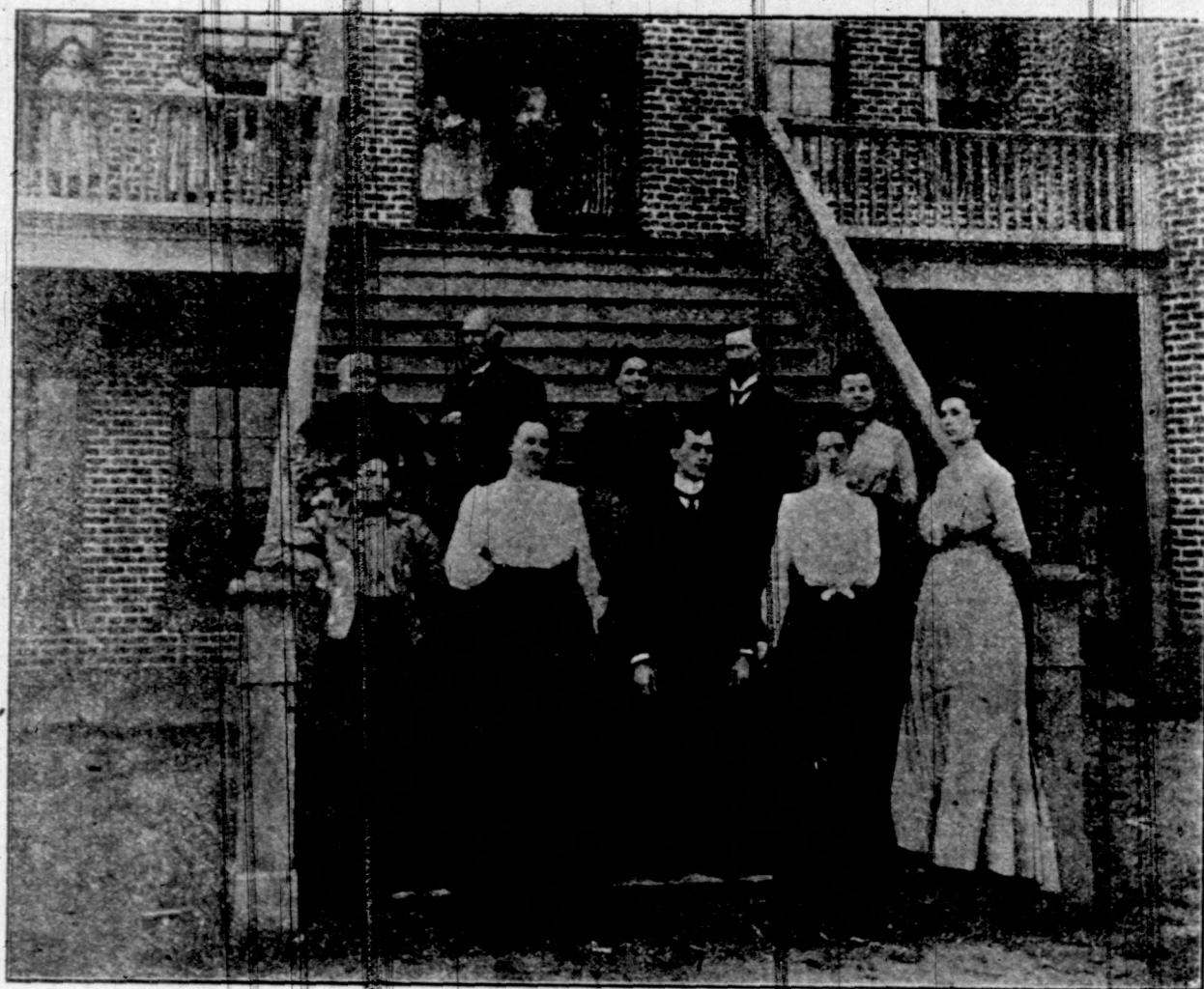
A Happy Initial Service.

The Immanuel Baptist Church house of Meridian, which is at the same time a gem of architectural comeliness and practical utility, and a monument of appropriate worth to the earnest and efficient pastor and his devoted and co-operating people, has just been finished and given to the Lord by an appropriate and attractive service. This occurred on Sunday afternoon, the 31st of January, at 3 o'clock. The house was well filled—literally crowded by a congregation made up of representatives from all of the Baptist churches of the city and the public at large. The service was participated in by several of the ministers, directed by Bro. C. G. Elliott, the undershepherd of the flock, and who has led his people in the splendid triumph of completing their new church house.

of the earth where the sovereign and heavenly enjoined churches are sought to be made to "play the second fiddle" in the orchestra of the great convention hippodrome.

The historical sketch brought out the fact that the church with only 51 members in the nine years of its existence had raised in freewill contributions the handsome sum of \$11,678.80, being an annual average of \$23.48 per capita of the entire membership. The music was congregational and excellent. Miss Mamie Carter of the First Church presided at the organ and Deacon T. L. Hurlbut of Immanuel leading the singing.

The house cost in round numbers \$3,500 and has been paid for in full and entirely by the membership, and none of them are classed amongst the rich ones. Their church administration is much after



ORPHANAGE—Jennings Hall.

After a song by the congregation Bro. W. S. Culpepper offered an invocation. Bro. J. D. Cook made the opening prayer. Bro. R. A. Venable delivered the sermon of the occasion and J. A. Hackett offered a prayer of special consecration, and also presented, by request, an historical sketch of the church, including its origin and current progress.

The sermon was one of Dr. Venable's best efforts drawn from that strong statement of Paul in I Timothy 3:15, that the "household of God is a church of the living God, a pillar and ground of the truth," in which he made the difference between the house and the household as clear as the light and the independence, authority and mission of the church as "strong as the firmament." Such preaching could not fail to have its value even in some quarters

the order of their giving. They all take part in it, and they all keep at it. The building is of the new style of the brick veneer vanity. Makes a very portly appearance and is quite as attractive on the inside with its handsome pulpit furniture, circular seats, inclined floor, bright carpet, and glowing electric light. This Immanuel Church is the one that Bro. Rowe and a few others of us thought a mite too strenuous in its method of order and discipline at its inception, but we were prevailed on at last to give it the hospitality of recognition in the fraternity of churches as an experimental effort to attain to the high realm of the ideal. Well, it appears now to have passed through that airy and critical stage with all of its rocks, shoals and conflicting currents and, reached the open and safe sea of an assured success. If any

church in the kingdom has what the like of Mr. Herbert Spencer calls "the warrant right of life" then that "plum" belongs to Immanuel, for they have demonstrated under great difficulties their power to "survive" and their present personnel, numerical, spiritual and material, classes them amongst the strong and solid "fit-test." We regard them now with this renewed and broader foundation, the stimulation of their past history which is a fine inspiration of courage and with the divine blessing assured, as having entered upon a new career with greater prophecy and promise of wide and lasting usefulness.

May God make them a great power in the land for service and salvation.

In love, your brother,

J. A. IL

Bro. Tull's Joke.

I don't think that Bro. Tull should be allowed to claim all the honor of that "practical joke of the season." The truth is I left Flora and Brandon about the time Bro. Tull left Durant, and I have been watching each issue of THE BAPTIST since my departure (I did not slip off) for some glowing resolution, but they have not been published yet. I suppose however that it is an oversight and will be attended to later.

I want to say however that it was with regret that I gave up my pleasant relations with Flora and Brandon. No better people can be found anywhere, and I earnestly pray that ere long they may find a pastor that will lead them to higher things.

I am well pleased with my new field. Ackerman, French Camp and Sallis, I am sure will compare favorably with "Gallman, Damascus, and New Zion." Success to you, Bro. Tull, watch us and see what we do.

Yours for the Master,

J. R. NUTT.

Ackerman, Miss., Feb. 6, 1904.

From W. R. Cooper.

We moved to Itta Bena just one year ago. I at once took charge of the Baptist cause at this place, Maryland and Belzoni, and have just closed out the year's work.

At Belzoni and Maryland I have not missed a single appointment.

The cause of Christ is very urgent here (the former place) and we have made some very great strides for God, and thereby have gained considerable grounds. The church is in very fine condition, therefore is prepared to do good work.

Bro. R. D. Maum succeeds me at this place. Under his consecrated leadership we shall expect great things from them soon.

Bro. Maum will take charge of Silver City, Belzoni, and I think, the church at Inverness.

I give half time to Maryland Church. This is a great leap forward for this church. The congregations have increased from time to time, as well as the interest manifested.

Some of the most consecrated Christians I ever knew live at this place. This is the

fruit of the lamented Bro. Nelson, who built the church and was largely instrumental in paying off the indebtedness of it.

At Itta Bena, where the pastor, wife and baby live, we continue to give half time. In the year's work I have not been sick a single day, have not felt unwell.

Last year we paid off the indebtedness of the church; but the church having purchased a pastor's home, involved us again. Last summer we raised almost the needed amount for the first payment. We also rounded up our Foreign Mission collection of \$52.80, over one hundred per cent. over last year, and by far the best in the history of the church. All rejoiced because of the amount.

I have baptized 9 into the fellowship of the church and the church has received several by letter.

We have a live Sunday School, conducted by one of the most consecrated and hard working Superintendents in the State and also devoted teachers.

Bear Creek Church is in good condition and we are doing well there. 'Tis a p. m. appointment. This church was the first church, or Baptist Church, in Leflore County, and has, and now is, promoting the cause of Christ, which we love so much. Bro. Burr, at Greenwood, and myself, hold forth the Baptist cause in Leflore County. Four churches only in the county.

Pray for us, that the Lord's will may be done in us.

Yours in the cause we love.

Itta Bena, Miss., Jan. 30, 1904.

From Durant.

The many kinds words of welcome since our return to Mississippi have made us feel very much at home.

Twenty years have wrought many changes and most of them for the better. We feel very much at home in Mississippi. Old friends and acquaintances greet us at every turn and even the new acquaintances seem glad to see us. We are not strangers in Durant, for here we lived and taught school twenty-three years ago. The girls and boys who went to school to us are now men and women with families. Many are missed, for they have passed over the river.

"Many the changes since last we met, Blushes have brightened and tears have been wept, Friends have been scattered like roses in bloom, Some at the altar and some at the tomb."

Our welcome has been cordial and cheering, and we hope nobody will be disappointed. We cut no bridges down as we came from Texas, for we love Texas none the less because we have come away. Besides, we left both of our boys back there and they are loyal to the State of their adoption. We have come back to Mississippi, not for our health, but to work.

We were used to that in Texas, and now we cast in our lot with the working crowd in the State. Durant Church seems to be very well organized for work, and we shall see what can be done. They are a good looking people and we shall be disap-

pointed if they do not show up as good workers.

The Baptists seem to be in the lead in this town and we hope to remain so. Yesterday was our first Sabbath with the church. All the services were well attended and we had a good day. Wife and I were received as members and a pleasant hand shaking with words of encouragement followed.

Anticipating the needs of the incoming pastor, the ladies renovated the parsonage with new wall paper for the inside and paint for the outside, then supplied the pantry with good things to eat and the coal bin with fuel. The whole premises are brightened up and everything looks lovely. Why should we not be happy and enter into the work with a cheerful outlook? Already we hear talk of a revival and confidently hope for refreshing showers of grace in the near future.

With the brotherhood of Mississippi we join hearts and hands with a zeal to push on the work of the Master's kingdom. Give us the help of your prayers, brethren, with the same warmth that has characterized your welcome, and blessings will attend our labors. These are our words of response to your words of welcome. We use the "we" and "our" and "us," because there are two of us and we are partners. We hope to meet you all at the next annual gathering at Hattiesburg.

T. A. MOORE AND WIFE.

Durant, Feb. 8, 1904.

The Rain.

Without it all things parch and death enters. It comes on "the just and on the unjust," as the sun rises and sets. Spring-time usually brings more abundant watering, to bear moisture through the heat of summer.

Tonight (Feb. 2nd,) it has rained here out of a clear sky. A mystery? God moves in mystery—often thus to perform His wonders.

Yesterday a good brother said: "Somebody will be at your house tomorrow night." We were looking for Bro. Lucas the next night, and decided to put up with "somebody" the night before also. "Tomorrow night" has come with some forty people who thrust themselves upon us, each with a package—some smaller, some larger—ranging anywhere from ginger-snaps to ham, eggs and flour. Yes, it has rained from a heaven sent cloud—such is always bright—and our kitchen is well filled.

If God pours His grace upon us in like manifestation, in our near-by meeting, we will have a great one; yet, this feebly compares with God's work in the Spirit realm, such as we are looking for here.

We much appreciate this call of our friends. It brings new thought and gladness. We feel it from heaven.

I want to ask our friends in Mississippi and elsewhere to please often mention us and our work here to the Master.

J. E. PHILLIPS.

A Long Pastorate.

Such has been the case of our beloved brother, Dr. T. E. Morris, who came to our community from Arkansas in 1868 and took the pastoral care of Good Hope Church, Leake county, Harmony Association. Brother Henry Collier and wife are the only members now living that were members when Brother Morris came among us. For thirty-five years Brother Morris has gone in and out before this people. He being a physician had the experience of two great works for the cause of Christ. He fed the body as well as the soul of his people, and well did he fill these two important positions.

As a pastor we feel that his place will be hard to fill. He always manifested the deepest interest in his people both in his preaching and association with them. As to his success, it is shown by the result of his work among us. He has been the means of our church making steady progress along the various lines of Christian work. We now number 85 members and have in the last ten years lettered off members to constitute three other churches within our association. The writer doesn't know the exact number that Brother Morris has baptized but is satisfied that it will compare favorably with any other pastor in our State.

He has been moderator of our association several times and is so at present. In that capacity he is looked upon as being the right man for the place. Every one who knows Brother Morris knows him to love him. The writer of this note never expects to know any other that he has more brotherly love for. He has always manifested the deepest interest in his welfare, and especially so since he entered the ministry. During Brother Morris' ministry at Good Hope there have been three preachers ordained from our church, namely, Brother Jackson Trippie, ordained back in the 70s; the writer in 1897, and Brother J. G. Gilmore the fourth Sunday in January, 1904.

On account of old age Brother Morris has retired from the pastorate but not from the ministry. He seems to be like Paul the Aged, better prepared now to give advice and counsel to the younger brethren.

Brother Morris now resides with his oldest son, Dr. A. L. Morris, of Lena, Miss. He is jovial and hearty. May there many years be spared him to give counsel to the rising ministry of our Association and State.

GEORGE NUTT.

Good Hope, Miss.

Fruits of Character, Mental and Moral.

As habit exerts a mighty ascendancy over us, and is therefore often denominated "second nature," so it is very desirable that those mental and moral qualities which conduce to your happiness and usefulness, should early be possessed, that they may become settled and extended.

Of these I would name:

1. Decision. This is coming to a firm

conclusion in reference to any matter, and remaining in it. Commendable decision implies two things: Knowledge of what is truth and duty, and a fixed determination to conform to them in practice, without compromise. A person who has not a full view of that about which he is to form an opinion, or to act, will ever be undecided, because, as his knowledge changes, so will his opinion and conduct change. He will be tossed to and fro, and be "carried about by every wind of doctrine." He will have no settled opinion, but he will be in constant fluctuation. The same may be said of the individual who has no fixed determination. Such a one will be wavering.

2. Resolution. This trait of character means fixedness and fearlessness in purpose and action, a zealous determination to perform some act or to accomplish some object. A man strongly marked with this trait of character will overcome difficulties seemingly insurmountable. A person may be what he resolves to be, or do what he resolves to do, provided he attempts to accomplish his resolution with resolution. This quality of mind ever has been, and still is essential to success in any difficult undertaking.

3. Courage. A proper definition of courage is bravery. It is the opposite of timidity. A man of this spirit never says, "There is a lion without—I shall be slain in the streets." Possessed of religious heroism, he is ready to strive with the world, the flesh and the devil. He who would conquer, must manfully contend; and he is the greatest hero who conquers himself. This trait of character, both in a natural and moral sense, should be diligently sought and cultivated. It is in no way so well obtained as by the promotion of piety in ourselves. "The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are bold as a lion." He who suffers a fearful spirit to deter him in the work of the Lord, will be instrumental of greatly injuring his cause, and of giving an opportunity to the enemy of souls to triumph.

4. Independence. This means exemption from reliance on any one, or control by any one. Would you possess true independence of character, think and act for yourself, never reject or adopt opinions or practices merely because others have rejected or adopted them. Ever be willing, however, to hear suggestions from those who are entitled to deference and esteem, and who do not coincide with you in views and feeling. But never sacrifice your own opinion and practices in accommodation of theirs, without full conviction that they are right.

5. Perseverance. By this is meant continued steadfastness, or persistence in purpose and pursuit. A person possessed of this trait of character is generally successful in what he attempts. Without perseverance, the most desirable object to be obtained may fail, even after much exertion has been used to effect it. They who would win the prize must run, and never cease running until the race is over. You are now not aware what you will be able to perform. Try, remembering that what-

ever has been done may be done again. Keep on trying, and success is almost certain.

6. Judgment. As judgment is that act of the mind by which we form opinions in regard to right and wrong, truth and falsehood, persons and things. This is a quality of mind, which like others, may be improved by cultivation. A person whose judgment is inclined to err, though his motives be good, is constantly in danger of coming to wrong conclusions, by which evils may ensue.

7. Common sense. It implies judgment and discrimination, and a proper sense of propriety in regard to the common affairs of life. It leads us to form judicious plans of action, and to be governed by our circumstances, in such a way as men in general will approve. It is the exercise of reason uninfluenced by passion or prejudice.

8. Self-control. Self control is another characteristic, the possession or distribution of which affects not only the happiness and usefulness of the individual who is the subject of it, but is often connected with the welfare and happiness of others; while one who is accustomed to self control will easily check the first risings of an inconsiderate and insubordinate spirit. The proper government of one's self in regard to passions and conduct is therefore very desirable, though contrary to our natural inclinations and difficult to acquire. "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

J. E. LOWE.

Bogue Chitto, Miss.

Punishment of the Wicked.

The Lord shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness. Fools because of their transgression and because of their iniquities are afflicted. Many evils and troubles shall befall them. The Lord will heap mischiefs upon them, he will spend his arrows upon them and vex them with all adversity because they corrupt themselves and do evil in the sight of the Lord.

Is not destruction to the wicked and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity? Let favor be showed to the wicked yet will they not learn righteousness. In the lands of uprightness will they deal unjustly and will not behold the majesty of the Lord. Therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them and he that formed them will show them no favor. They that plow iniquity and sow wickedness shall reap the same, the Lord shall bring upon them their own iniquity and shall cut them off in their own wickedness. Whosoever has sinned against me saith the Lord, him will I blot out of My Book. How oft is the candle of the wicked put out, and how oft cometh their destruction upon them. God distributeth sorrow in his anger, God layeth up his iniquity for his children: He reneweth him and he shall know it. His eyes shall see his destruction and he shall think of the wrath of the Almighty. For what pleasure hath he in his house after him

when the number of his months is cut off in the midst? Knowest thou not this of old since man was placed upon the earth the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment. Though his excellency mount up to the heavens and his head reach unto the clouds, yet he shall perish forever like his own dung. They which have seen him shall say, Where is he? Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth it is the gall of asps within him. In the freeness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the wicked shall come upon him. The increase of his house shall depart and his goods shall flow away, in the day of his wrath he shall not save of that which he desired. This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God. If thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes: Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall send upon thee cursing vexation and rebuke in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, because of thy doings whereby thou hast forsaken him.

Thou shalt not prosper in thy ways; neither shalt thy substance continue, neither shalt thou prolong the perfection of it upon the earth. The desire of the wicked shall perish. They look for peace but no good cometh, and for a time of health but behold trouble. For their sins have withholden good things from them. And the things that the Lord hath given them shall pass away from them and he will curse their blessings. They shall eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their devices. The prosperity of fools shall destroy them. The Lord will make them contemptible and base before all of the people, according as they have not kept his ways and he will change their glory into shame. His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself. The steps of his strength shall be straightened and his counsel shall cast him down. For God shall cast upon him and not spare, men shall clap their hands at him and shall hiss him out of his place. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. And a man shall not be established by wickedness.

R. J. O'BRYAN.

A Few Days.

Christ's labors on earth were short as to time. Into a few days, He could crowd wonderful deeds. Sometimes the gigantic only called for a few months; and so He spent three short years.

"Greater works than these shall ye do." When Christ said this, He must have thought of reaching after hearts: a greater thing to work after and reclaim a soul than to raise the dead, or cure the incurable leper. And oh, what wonders may be done with human hearts in just a few days, or even hours. Witness Pentecost, when the known world felt the touch—a day of days—and then other days crowded about it!

There are solutions to most things. In this, we find it within ten days—ten days of converse with the Supreme. It helps folks to talk with God—it gives them strength. Peter preached with power, for God was with and in him; and the other brethren were one with him—they had all prayed together.

Bro. Lucas has been in Laurel the last few days. He spent three nights and two days in West Laurel and then went up higher to see the Laurel church. With us, he got some renewals and a number of subscribers. He talked to our Sunday School yesterday morning and preached at eleven. We have invited him to come again. Last night there were several for prayer and four accessions. Sunday School thermometer 150. Let all help us get ready for our meeting. God bless you.

J. E. PHILLIPS.

Bro. Johnston and Gulfport.

Bro. Johnston's name does not appear in the Convention minutes as missionary at Gulfport. His statement is correct as to salary. We were to see that he received \$500 for one-half time. He began his work April 1, 1902, and on the quarter ending July 1, 1902, I sent him a draft for \$44.45. The church had raised the balance, \$80.55, and from this time on was on self-supporting basis, which was recognized October 1, 1902, and no further account was taken of it by Bro. Johnston or myself. Does the report made last year at the Convention show these facts? The report shows that Bro. Johnston was employed three months at a salary of \$500 a year? And our commission shows how much of this amount we were to pay. The figure "3" opposite Bro. Johnston's name is in a column that has at its head these words: "Months Employed." All this agrees with his statement that he had not sent me a report for over a year. If at the close of a pastorate fraught with divine blessing, the church desires to express its appreciation of his work by presenting the preacher with a watch, who shall say to it, nay, Remember all this about the watch is fifteen months after the church was on self-supporting basis, and in that time had sent me \$50 to do State mission work elsewhere.

A. V. ROWE.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Dr. T. E. Morris has been pastor of Good Hope Church, Leake county, for thirty-five years and by his own request the church has called another to take his place. Be it therefore

Resolved, 1. That in having Bro. Morris as our undershepherd we feel that the Lord has blessed our church abundantly through his ministry.

2. That he has proven to be a wise leader in the Master's work.

3. That we are loath to lose him as pastor, believing that no other will excel him as a pastor.

4. That we pray God's blessings to rest upon him in his declining years and that he may yet be spared many years to give

counsel and advice to the church and that we heartily commend him to any church that should have his service.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our church record and that a copy be sent to THE BAPTIST for publication.

Adopted by the church.

Field Notes.

Laurel. A recent visit to this thriving little city was greatly enjoyed by the scribe. The evidences of thrift and prosperity are seen on every hand. The town is a believer of industry. Cotton mills, oil mills, fertilizer establishments and factories, etc., indicate the enterprise of her citizens. The Baptist cause is still prospering. Revs. J. L. Low and J. E. Phillips are each in his special field bringing things to pass. Two days were spent with Pastor Phillips interviewing his people in the interest of THE BAPTIST. A good list of renewals and new subscribers was the reward of the effort. The West Laurel Church is but a few months old, and yet she is vigorous and thrifty, with an ever increasing membership. There were 150 in Sunday School with more than 200 on the roll. To the First Church is due the credit of this enterprise. Low and his people are justly proud of their part in the work. The neat chapel, complete, except seats, which will soon be in place, speaks well for the Laurel Church. Two days were spent also with Bro. L. and his people, taking renewals and adding new names to the list of Baptist readers. Upon the whole the visit was a success, and to the tramp an occasion of cherished memories.

The writer preached for Phillips Sunday morning and for Low in the evening. The tramp was kindly entertained in the homes of these brethren and for kindnesses received he is grateful.

On to Hattiesburg, but "the grip" held high carnival from Tuesday eve. to Saturday morning. So nothing was done. Pastor Derrick and his estimable wife are due much for thoughtful kindness. Will speak of Hattiesburg later.

O. M. LUCAS.

Bro. Mahoney writes: "We want our brethren throughout the State to rejoice with us in that the Lord is blessing His people in Vicksburg. Of course I can only tell what He has done for us since my coming, four Sundays ago. During that time He has graciously added fourteen to His churches here. Ten to Calvary Church and four to the First. We give thanks unto the Lord. I wish I could voice my appreciation of Dr. Sproules, but that were impossible. He is one of 'God's noble men,' a wise counsellor, and a true fellow-worker. We ask the brethren to pray for us."

On another page may be found the advertisement of the Baptist Book Concern, of Louisville, Ky. Turn to it, and read it,

Keep Your Pastor Happy.

BY JAMES GARLAND.

"Your pastor preached a good sermon last Sunday, I suppose," remarked Mr. Jones as he met his neighbor, on Monday morning, and continuing he said, "ours did, and I was one of many who appreciated it and told him so too." "Well," said deacon Smith, "as you know our preacher is an able man, a good clean character, a fine sermonizer, and a good speaker, but he seems discouraged. By the way Jones, if he was only happy and sunny like your pastor he would be a great power."

"Pardon me Bro. Smith," said Mr. Jones, "and I will ask you a few questions and really I believe I can help you to help your pastor to be sunny and happy like ours."

"Why, Bro. Jones, ask any questions, and offer any suggestions you wish, and I will appreciate them as I always do all you say."

"Did you say your pastor preached a good sermon last Sunday?" queried Mr. Jones. "He certainly did, in fact he seldom fails, but of late he has seemed hampered, some of the deacons and myself have discussed the matter and we think he has trouble in his family, now, remember this is confidential," said Mr. Smith.

"Ah certainly!" said Mr. Jones, "but when he preached last Sunday did you tell him that he helped you—that his discourse was good?" continued Mr. Jones.

"Ah no! I did not, didn't think it necessary, he knows how he is regarded."

"Did any one commend him, Bro. Smith?" asked Mr. Jones.

Well, no, I guess not, I did not see anyone approach him," replied Mr. Smith, with a far away look, and a shrug of his shoulders, as if he wanted to change the subject.

"I will just tell you how we keep our pastor happy—how we treat him," said Mr. Jones.

"You treat him well, I know," interrupted Mr. Smith.

"Well, yes, I reckon we do; I'll thank you for your kind remark anyway, but, as I was going on to say, I have also noticed that your pastor appeared a little uneasy, in fact he intimidated as much. He said he had a call to another church."

"Does he mean to go?" Mr. Smith quickly asked.

"Oh, I think not," responded Mr. Jones, "but I was going to tell you how we Presbyterians keep our pastor happy, and, Smith, I will tell you a real genuine secret, if you will promise to absolutely keep it."

"I will gladly promise all you ask," Mr. Smith said promptly.

"Now, Smith, there is no secret, only the fact that I told it, you may use all I tell you, and I hope you will," continued Mr. Jones, "but do not even tell your wife I told you our plan. We elders, of the Presbyterian church, have formed a kind of a secret order, not exactly oath bound, but on pretty near that basis. We have solemnly promised to keep our pastor happy. We regard him as a minister from God and

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we know that no preacher can do his best preaching without the warm, hearty cooperation of his officers and people. He must feel easy, be loved and be kept happy, and we sure do our best to keep him happy."

"I know you keep him happy, but how do you do it?" Mr. Smith asked anxiously.

"Easy enough. We never permit him to preach a sermon, teach a class, lead a prayer-meeting, preach a funeral, write an article or do any kindly act without some of us saying something nice to him about it. We also make it a parts of our work to get others to do so too."

"You are pledged among yourselves to do that? A unique scheme indeed," said Mr. Smith, with a laugh, "and it is good too."

Well, as I was going on to say, we frequently counsel with him about our business, too, not that he is a business man but we want to keep him happy. And we never permit a thing to be done in our church affairs without his knowledge. Why, our Sunday school Superintendent would not appoint a new teacher without his sanction."

"Is that so pretty good, I guess," interrupted Mr. Smith.

"But that is not all. We tell him many kind things others say, but as a rule no unkind things, we just stop them whenever we find them. We also never discuss him before our children in any but a praiseworthy manner, consequently he has power for good over them. We see to it that he is frequently entertained in our homes."

"You permit no member to talk evil of him?"

"No indeed, we do not, one tried that recently and we called him before our session and told him he must either apologize, or withdraw, and he apologized too," interrupted Mr. Jones, and continuing he said, "We do not forget our pastor's wife either. We see to it that our wives call to see her and do not count calls either, they take her out driving and make her happy too."

"One other thing we do is to frequently give them something, sometimes just little things, very small things, sometimes handsome presents—just anything to keep them happy, for I tell you you must keep your pastor happy if he is a blessing you. We paid their railroad fare for their vacation trip last summer, and now confidentially, we are planning to get him a valuable set of new books that we incidentally found he needed."

It was now time for the two friends to part and each went to his business. But all day long Mr. Smith kept hearing the words "we keep our pastor happy" singing in his ears. He was sure, too, that it was a good thing, and he wanted to do it, but how could he begin.

That night he and his wife talked the matter over and agreed to form a secret order in their church too. Mrs. Smith telephoned her pastor's wife very early next morning that she would call for her to go out for a drive in the afternoon, and also

said she would have her own nurse take care of her baby. The pastor's wife had reason to be very agreeably surprised. Mr. Smith, who was a wealthy banker, quietly handed his pastor a new bank book with two notes marked "paid" in it and a neat little sum entered to his credit.

He and his wife planned again that evening. It was agreed that Mrs. Smith should confer with some ladies, and Mr. Smith with the deacons and arrange a plan to keep the pastor happy.

Mrs. Smith readily found four ladies to join her, and she said that was enough. Mr. Smith made a very carefully prepared talk to the deacons, setting forth the plan and presenting its valuable points. All the deacons heartily agreed to do their best except one old brother. The others told him he need not trouble about it as they could manage the affair. In only a few Sundays their pastor and his family were very happy and wondering what had happened to make the people so very warm hearted. The congregations gradually increased, his power was appreciably greater and all departments of the church work took on new life. People began to wonder and ask, "what has caused this wondrous awakening?"

Many pastors are dying to their highest usefulness because they have no good reason to believe they are appreciated. By all means keep your pastor happy and by so doing you will never fail to have a pastor who will be a blessing to you.

The Story of Frank's Success.

A Story for Boys.

BY AUNT BESS.

I.

Frank Houston and his widowed mother lived on a neat little farm of their own.

It had been a struggle to keep their little home, but by dint of good judgment and economy on the part of Mrs. Houston, and hard labor by honest Frank, the farm was now theirs. And a prettier, thriftier little farm could not be found in all that country. The cozy white cottage was surrounded by a neat picket fence, every nail of which had been driven by Frank's own hands.

In front was a lovely flower garden, with its variegated beauty and exhilarating sweetness. Travellers would pause to inhale the odor of the sweet violets and simultaneously exclaim, "How beautiful!" as they beheld the phlox, petunias and larkspurs bending and kissing over the narrow walks.

On the south was a little vegetable garden, where scarcely a sprig of grass was to be seen; the thrifty fruit trees on the north, well trimmed and white washed, added much to the freshness and value of the place.

A good sized fowl house was at the back of the cottage, "which," Frank said, "had afforded them many a royal meal."

From the pebbled walk in front to the pig sty in the rear there was nothing to betoken untidiness or discontent. One would have thought the owner's heart and

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ambition was in keeping up the "neat little farm on the hill," as the neighbors called it. But alas for poor human nature that is never satisfied!

Frank Houston sat on the top step of the front piazza wearing a most dejected look. The day's work had just been completed. He had come in hot and tired; and seated himself, coatless, and with hat pushed back, exposing a broad finely developed forehead. Mrs. Houston sat near him in a chair, plying her knitting vigorously. But Frank seemed not to notice her. His deep blue eyes gazed away into vacancy, as if trying to solve an indefinable problem.

He did not notice how often the knitting ceased to wipe away a silent tear from the faded cheek. At length Frank broke the long silence:

"Mother, I don't think you ought to oppose my going into the mines if I can do better." He paused for a moment, then continued: "I saw Joe Ellis today and he says I can make from five to ten dollars a day and not over work. I just think you might give your consent and let me try."

He ran his fingers nervously through his soft, wavy hair, gave his mother a sheepish sideways glance and in a gentler tone continued:

"I am sure I can get some one to take my place on the farm, and it won't be so hard on you to have a nice family in the house to help about the work, and keep you company." His argument seemed to bring him courage, and as he closed his remarks, he looked full in the pale troubled face of his mother. "You are sick, dear mother," he said, quickly jumping to her side. All else was forgotten now but his mother.

He hurriedly brought a cool drink of water, and insisted on bathing her temples, though she repeatedly told him nothing ailed her. A more devoted son than Frank Houston never lived, but boy like he wanted to see the world. He imagined life was easier somewhere else than here on the farm. He longed to go out into the world and "do something." About this time iron had been discovered in an adjoining State, and marvelous reports were spreading abroad as to how people were "getting rich in a day." Some of Frank's friends went and wrote glowing accounts of the "boom" there. "Come, by all means, Frank; a boy like you can get rich in no time," they wrote.

Poor boy! he was all fire and ambition to join his elated comrades. "I must go!" he declared, after seeing Joe Ellis, who had just returned from the mines. "I must go at any hazard," he said, and accordingly made his intentions known to his mother, who seriously opposed his move, as we have seen. They sat very quietly side by side, mother and son, for a long time. At length Mrs. Houston took Frank's strong, brown hand in hers, wrinkled and old, and very quietly but firmly, said:

"No one can take your place here, my son; I can't give you up, nor can you afford to give me up. No, Frank, I can never give my consent for you to leave our

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treasured home." The words were gently spoken, but they flashed like a dagger to his heart, he scarcely felt the caress so tenderly, lovingly impressed upon his brow, as she turned and left him, all alone in the dark, to fight out that fearful battle; to decide for himself the turning point of his life; to choose between himself and his mother. He knew her opinion was well weighed before given, and that it stood when given,—nothing could change those words.

"It ain't right!" he muttered, jerking up his hat, and rushing out to the front gate. "Other boys go and get rich, and I think I might. She don't look at it like I do."

(Continued next week.)

Is It True?

The following is taken from an article in a recent issue of THE BAPTIST: "95 per cent. of the preachers; 85 per cent. of the converts; 95 per cent. of the church workers come from Sunday Schools, and 75 per cent. of churches are started by Sunday Schools."

It would be interesting to me, for one, to know just how these statistics are so "accurately" obtained, and why the church of Christ should not be permitted to share at least a part of the credit of this work? It has been said that the "Sunday School is the church at work." Is that really so now, or has the Sunday School become a separate institution and superseded the church? It is beginning to look that way if it be true that 75 per cent. of the churches themselves were started by Sunday Schools. If the Sunday School is the church at work, why give the Sunday Schools credit for nearly all of the work done as though the church was not in it. Should not the church indeed be credited for it all? Is there not a way to advocate the Sunday School work without detracting from the church? Are we to understand that the very life and existence of the church depends upon Sunday Schools, and that there would be a decline of 85 per cent. in conversions, and that there would be a falling off of 95 per cent. in preachers, etc., if there were no Sunday Schools? The churches ought to have Sunday Schools and do all the good they can through them, but the Sunday School that is not within the church, authorized by, and under the control and direction of the church, is a quantity too doubtful to be encouraged and approved by Baptist people.

The question is asked: "Is it not a fact that pulpit ministrations are for instructing, encouraging and developing the church?" Looking at this question in connection with what precedes one would naturally suppose that the idea is to look to the Sunday School and depend upon the Sunday School for conversions, since pulpit ministrations are only for instructing, encouraging and developing the church (?). While the pastor ought to be in the Sunday School and as has been truthfully said, "lead in every good word and work," yet he would fall far below his duty not to teach men and women from the pulpit the

necessity of repentance and faith in Christ. While statistics are being collected would it not be of interest to ascertain the number of Sunday School pupils that come into the church professing Christ under the influence of pulpit ministrations during the protracted meeting?

I would not attempt to discount in the least the worth and work of the Sunday School, but would rather give it credit for everything to which it is entitled. But let us not lose hope in the efficacy of the gospel from the lips of a living ministry though they occupy the pulpit as pastors of churches, with Sunday Schools.

J. R. SAMPLE.

Summit, Miss.

Gallman, Miss.

As there has been no communication from this neck-o'-the-woods in several months, I will send you this little "scribbling" to let you know that we are still "doing business at the same old stand" and "everlastingly at it."

We rounded up last year's work with a fairly good showing—not what we could have done by any means, but "passible" I suppose. We paid our retiring pastor in full, and had just a few dollars left over to begin the new year with.

Bro. Tull, our new pastor, came in before the old year closed, having his sleeves rolled up as it were, ready for business, and if you will just keep this quiet and not let him know it, I will tell you he has one of the finest pastorates in the State. Gallman, Damascus and New Zion—three churches in a radius of some 10 or 12 miles. More than that, we are going to build a pastor's home and settle him right here among us. Of course it will take time, but we will keep "pegging" away until we finally reach the goal. So keep your ears open and listen and you will likely hear some rumbling noises before the year closes. Tull is said to be a hustler and we sorter believe it. More anon.

C. S. C.

Through the courtesy of the editor, Prof. Franklin L. Riley, a copy of Vol. VII, of the Publications of The Mississippi Historical Society has reached our desk. This volume is very rich in historic facts. Twenty-seven topics of general interest are discussed in a style that cannot fail of interest to the reader. Among these we would mention the chapter on the "Senatorial Career of Gen. J. Z. George," by Dr. James Garner, and the "Life of Col. J. F. H. Calborne," by Dr. Franklin L. Riley. Also "Some Historic Homes in Mississippi," by Mrs. N. D. Deupree. Another is "Historic Clinton," by Dr. Charles Hillman Brough. "The Cholera in 1849," by Maj. Wm. Durbar Jenkins. To "Lafayette Rupert Hamberlin, Dramatic Reader and Poet," by Prof. P. H. Eager, will surely interest the many fellow-students of Mr. Hamberlin. Then "Reminiscences of Service with the First Mississippi Cavalry," by Prof. J. G. Deupree, will make its own way. The entire volume is fine and can be had by sending to Prof. F. L. Riley, University, Miss., \$1.50. There are now seven volumes out, and we are under the impression that all of them can be had from Prof. Riley.

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The Church Building Loan Fund.

For some time the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, has had in its list of benevolences a Church Building Loan Fund. Every year considerable work is accomplished in this line, but the Home Board has asked our women to raise an addition of \$20,000 to this fund. True to their characteristic interest and energy they have undertaken to do what they have been asked to do. This \$20,000 is to be a fund in memory of the late lamented Dr. I. T. Tichenor, who so long and faithfully served the Home Board. Our ladies have recently received much encouragement by a gift of \$1,000 from a Kentucky lady. Two other ladies have together given \$2,500, making from these three \$3,500 for the Tichenor memorial fund. The fund has been increased to \$5,736.36, considerably over one-fourth of the amount. Is there not some Mississippi lady who reads THE BAPTIST that would like to make a good investment of a \$1,000, or \$500, or \$100 in this memorial fund, and aid in building houses of worship for shelterless congregations?

Dr. Lansing Burrows has written a 16-page tract in advocacy of this Tichenor memorial fund. In this tract are pronounced upon Dr. Tichenor some very high but truthful eulogies, which any of his friends would appreciate reading. A large Church Building fund was a long cherished hope of this truly great man.

If any one wishes to read this tract, write to Miss Annie W. Armstrong, Baltimore, Md., for it.

The Home Board.

Dr. Gray, the Home Board Secretary, is now in Cuba, looking after the Home Board's interest there. He has necessarily been absent from his office most of the time since he took charge of the work. While his hands are at present so full in arranging for larger things in Cuba; his assistant, Bro. M. M. Welch, is addressing

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letters to various pastors in the States, endeavoring to more fully enlist them and their churches through them. Only about two and one-half months remain before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville. Our churches must do some good work between now and then, in order to meet the expectations and needs of the Board. And then further enlargements of our home work will depend in no small degree on what shall be done between now and then.

There are places which we are now helping that we must continue to help, and there are others where the work must be enlarged. We might cite an example of this kind. The city of New Orleans, so thoroughly dominated by Catholic influence. The demands in the home field are annually increasing, first by natural increase and then by the very large number of immigrants that are flooding some sections of our country. No State is able through its own State Board to take care of its own work, and several can look after only a very small percentage of their destitution. In addition to the above destitution is that among the Indians, the Negroes and the mountaineers, all of which is of grave importance to the spiritual and denominational prosperity of our people.

Our own State has shared quite largely in the benefactions of this Board. Some of our largest and most liberal churches were for a more or less number of years its beneficiaries. These churches which have now grown up to maturity and great vigor, should rise up and pour money into the lap of the faithful Home Board. But, not only ought those churches which have been helped by this Board come liberally to her rescue in this hour of debt and need. Every church in this goodly land of ours, whether country or town, rich or poor, large or small, should count it a joy to be permitted to help to swell the Home Mission fund. And with the right kind of pastoral leadership, they will all do something.

Notes and Comments.

Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., leaves Owensboro, Ky., and goes to the First Church, Wilmington, N. C.

The correspondents of Rev. W. C. Grace, D. D., will in the future address him at Gulfport instead of Macon. He has entered the pastorate at the former place.

Mr. W. S. Hendrick and Miss Hattie Warren were united in marriage, February 3, 1904, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. I. A. Warren, near Brownsville, Miss., by Chas. L. Lewis.

Mr. Walter Jones and Miss Addie Massey were united in marriage February 7, 1904, by Pastor H. W. Rockett, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Baker, Tilton, Miss.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garner, near Smithdale,

Miss., February 3d, 1904, Mr. S. F. Guy and Miss Beulah Garner were united in marriage, J. B. Quin officiating. We wish for them a bright and happy life and pray God's blessings upon them through life.

Lord and Thomas, advertising agents, announce the retirement on February 1st, 1904, of Mr. D. M. Lord, whose interests have been acquired by Messrs. C. R. Erwin and A. D. Lasker.

Miss Claytie Taylor, of Wiggins, a daughter of our long-time friend, Rev. H. C. Taylor, was a caller at the office of THE BAPTIST last week. Bro. Taylor lives at Wiggins, but serves churches in the country near Wiggins. He succeeds Bro. W. B. Holcomb at Big Level, a fine country church.

Our young friend, Percy Spencer, who accidentally shot himself in the foot during the holidays at Clinton, has had to have the wounded foot amputated. His parents, Rev. E. W. Spencer and wife, are in New Orleans, with the son. We extend sympathy to the family in this sad hour.

We are glad to be able to say to our many readers that our esteemed brother, S. Morris, of Star, who fell from the new church building at that place last fall, is rapidly recovering from his injuries, which were painful and serious. He continues with the same churches he was pastor of last year.

Rev. W. E. Dear, from Fort Worth, Texas, comes back to Mississippi and takes charge of the pastorate at Lena, Walnut Grove and Good Hope. He is now on the field and the prospects bright. At two of these places, Lena and Walnut Grove, are excellent schools, with Prof. Parkinson at the former and Reynolds at the latter.

Evangelist Frank M. Wells, of Memphis, Tenn., is with Paul Price at Linden Avenue Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio. On February 14th Bro. Wells goes to the First Baptist Church, Reynoldsville, Pa. From Reynoldsville he goes, February 28th to March 10th, to the First Baptist Church, Elwood, Ind. The Lord has greatly blessed the work in Ohio.

The South Carolina Baptist has recently put out quite a heavy editorial force: A. McA. Pittman and N. R. Pittman, editors; R. W. Sanders, corresponding editor; A. S. Townes, contributing editor; with J. R. Pittman as business manager. It seems like things ought to go booming with this force. If all these can get bread and meat enough to live on they will be fortunate.

The amendment for Constitutional Prohibition was very thoroughly discussed in the House on the 9th inst., consuming the entire day. After six hours discussion, the roll was called, those present voting Aye or No. The result showed 67 votes in fa-

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vor of submitting the amendment against 42, opposing. As two-thirds of the vote was necessary, it would have required 72 votes to put the matter before the people. Mr. Smith of Holmes county, had his vote changed from Aye to No, to secure the privilege of a motion for reconsideration. This change left the vote 66 to 43. Thus ended the present chance for Constitutional Prohibition.

It is learned through one of the young lady members of the B. Y. P. U. at Wiggins, that the Union is in a very prosperous condition. The attendance is large and the interest fine. This union is engaged in the study of the Bible, beginning at the first, and the plan seems to work well. Bro. Holcomb is the honored pastor, who brings things to pass.

Five years ago the first Sunday in February, Pastor Yarbrough preached his first sermon as pastor of the First Baptist Church, in the Sunday School room, as the auditorium was not furnished. At that time there was a debt of \$10,000 on the building. On Feb. 14, 1901, the mortgage was cancelled, and on March 10, 1901, the building was dedicated and mortgage notes burned. Dr. J. L. Johnson preached the dedicatory sermon. The church is under lasting obligations to both the State and Home Boards for assistance without which it could not have been in its present prosperous condition.

Prof. W. F. Bond, principal of the Wiggins High School, visited Jackson last week, having under his care 88 of his pupils, who came to take in the capital city, especially the new capitol. The party visited many points of interest in our rapidly growing city. A special committee appointed by the school made us an appreciated visit. This committee consisted of Prof. Ladner, of the Wiggins High School, and Misses Taylor and McCoy. They gave a fine report of their school and also of the religious interests of the town. This school has about 250 pupils, and will graduate 15 at the close of this session. The professor's idea of having his pupils visit places of interest is a good one. Travel and sight-seeing are important factors in an education.

Through the courtesy of Prof. Charles Hillman Brogh of the Arkansas University, we have received a copy of "Historic Clinton," by himself. It is a reprint from the Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society. It contains 32 pages of as interesting matter as could be brought together about "Historic Clinton," and presented in the most graphic and fascinating style. It touches the high points in the history of Clinton for nearly 100 years. The account of Clinton when her population was about 4,000 is full of interest. There is no more capable man, than Prof. Brogh, and this contribution to Mississippi history brings Mississippians under obligations to him.

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A Matter of Health

There is a quality in Royal Baking Powder which makes the food more digestible and wholesome. This peculiarity of Royal has been noted by physicians, and they accordingly endorse and recommend it.

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The Orphans is a 152-page book put out in paper cover by the Southern Publishing Co., Memphis. Its author, "Irene," is Rev. W. I. Hargis, University, Miss., whom many Mississippians know and love. The frontispiece is a picture of the author, and besides this there are four other illustrations, one the Jennings Hall of Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, one the Methodist's Orphan's Home, Water Valley, and the other, the Palmer Orphanage, (Presbyterian) Columbus. It is written in three parts: I. The Rich Orphans; II. Poor Orphans; III. Worse than Orphans. The work is well done, and deserves a place in every Baptist home in the land. Send us your order and 50 cents, and it will go promptly to your home.

The American Prohibition Year Book for 1904 contains more information compressed into a small compass than can be had anywhere else. This information is both historic and statistical. The information is taken from the carefully compiled figures of the United States government. The book is eminently practicable and helpful. We know of no source from which one can get so much help in preparing a paper or an address on any phase of the prohibition question. Every man owes it to himself to possess this storehouse of prohibition information, which he can do by sending to THE BAPTIST. The small sum of 15 cents will carry you a copy in paper binding, and 35 cents a copy in cloth binding. If you want to keep up with one of the greatest questions of the age, send for this book.

The Narrow Gate is the title of another book from the gifted pen of Charles M. Sheldon. It seems to sustain the high tension of excellence which marks his former productions—"In His Steps," "Born to Serve," "His Mother's Prayers," etc. It is published by the Advance Publishing Co., 215 Madison Street, Chicago. It comprises 240 pages, printed in large, clear type, and is divided into twelve chap-

ters. All of Mr. Sheldon's writings are strongly marked with temperance sentiment and argument.

There is a clever little love story which, like a silver thread, runs through the book and develops into a happy married life, in which the wife and husband faithfully and successfully struggle against the liquor power. It advocates the combination of moral and legal suasion against the mighty whisky octopus.

Sent postpaid on receipt of \$1.00. The Mississippi Baptist Publishing Co. can fill orders for this book.

The Care of the Eyes.

The eyes are the most wonderful and delicate optical instruments in the world, and easily subjected to strain. There are few eyes that are not caused unnecessary strain. This produces the inflammation that is the trouble of many and which in turn is often the cause of the unsightly puffiness under the eyes. Although it is not possible to change their color or shape, the appearance of the eyes can often be materially improved by proper care, and the surrounding tissues and features so modified as to add greatly to the looks. Excellent information on the eyes is given by Dr. Grace Peckham Murray in the March Delineator. The use of glasses is a subject that merits special attention.

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Final Vote on Constitutional Prohibition in the House.

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Denton, of Lafayette	Lesser
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Holye	Thompson
Kimbrrough	Tolbert
Knox	Tucker, of Wilkinson
Kyle	Turner
Lockwood	Watts, of Lauderdale
Loper	Whitney
Maer	Winston
Mahon	Wilkinson
Mayfield	Williams
Mixon	E. N. Thomas, speaker.
Murphree	Total Nays, 42.
McAllister	
McCuiston	
McFarland, of Jasper	
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Patty	
Pope	
Reynolds	
Ringold	
Roberts	
Robinson, of Choctaw	
Robinson, of Rankin	
Ross	
Rouse	
Sample	
Sheffield	
Smith, of Yallobusha	
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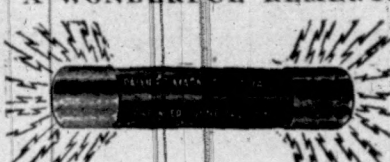
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Latonia	11:20 am	6:22 pm
Brushy	11:13 am	6:15 pm
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In Memoriam.

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Sleep on, dear Walter, in your peaceful rest. We feel assured that our loss is your eternal gain.

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Program.

February, 1904.

Subject—Missions in Southern States.
"Whatsoever Providence gives you to do, do it with your heart."—Fidele Fiske.

1. Prayer—For the Power of the Holy Spirit in the meeting.
2. A Study of Mission Motives—Love of Christ, 2 Cor. 5:14, 15; Fellowship with Christ, 2 Cor. 8:9; Compassion, Luke 15:4; Obedience, John 14:15.

3. Seed Thought—"Christians of America have enough power to push every needed reform to victory, to restore the Sabbath, to grind to powder every evil traffic, to give the gospel to every soul in the land. Are you willing to do your part?"

4. Leaflet—"The Modern City" by Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D. D.

5. A Missionary News Box—Every member should be asked previous to the meeting to bring a clipping for the box bearing upon the work or need of State Missions, limited to 100 words.

[Items should be distributed, no one reading her own.]

6. Discussion—In what work could we as individuals engage to improve our town (or city), and State?

7. Business, etc.—Plan for observance of the third week in March by special offerings of money for Home Missions and of prayer. Send to State Central Committees for envelopes and literature.

8. An Inspiration for Special Effort—Found in the words of Dr. Strong, "If this generation is faithful to its trust, America is to become God's right arm in His battle with the world's ignorance, oppression and sin."

9. A Short Talk based upon Annual Report of Sunday School Board with emphasis upon need of Mission Schools.

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See pages 3 and 4 "Field Work."

10. Prayer for all of "our substitutes" in the home land, for ourselves that we may be more faithful.

State Missions.

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"We claim our land for Jesus.

It's vales and towering hills,

Its cities full and hamlets,

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Its native born and alien

Of every hue and name.

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They perish at our door,

The land is full of sighing

And sin from shore to shore.

Gladly we toil to save them,

From death to make them free,

For Him whose life He gave them

Far back at Calvary.

DUNBAR, MISS., JAN. 26, '94.

DEAR MRS. JOHNSON:

I had a delightful visit to the Armstrong Society of the First Church of Columbus a few days ago. There were about twelve happy ladies, all busy at a quilt after spending an hour or more socially. Bro. Miller came and led us in devotional exercise, after which the society elected officers for another year.

They have done well for the quarter. It did me good to be there. From their report, West Point ladies have taken on new life. How I would like to go over there!

I have other good reports. Sometimes I know reports can't be sent, but if the societies only knew the pleasure it gives me perhaps they would send more promptly. I have received only a few reports this quarter. I would be glad if the Secretary would even now send them to me. I read with pleasure about the box-packing, and works of the ladies of other associations, and wonder if Columbus Association is behind in good works. Mrs. Johnson, I don't believe it

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for I knew them from Scooba to Bethel. There are many faithful workers. To these may I say, God bless you with love for the work, and strength to continue, for there is much to be done. I hope for other societies and new workers, so at our Annual meeting, we will rejoice in advancement.

Let us work 'til the Master comes.

Yours with Christian Love,
J. HELEN ELLIS,
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HWANGIEN, CHINA, DEC. 2, 93.
MY DEAR MISS ARMSTRONG:

Life here seems so monotonous, so uneventful that I always feel I have nothing worth writing to you. In some way it is a misfortune to become so accustomed to the sights and surroundings that nothing appeals to us as strange or striking. New missionaries can always write most interesting letters for they are in the picturesque stage.

A good fall of snow has marked the beginning of winter, and the Chinese are gradually adding layer after layer of wadded clothing to their bodies, till the thinnest of these look portly, and the children are bright balls of gay colored cloth. Wadded stockings and wadded shoes, wadded caps and hoods, as well as wadded trousers and coats, undercoats, and top-gallant coats over all. The last Sunday before our recent mission meeting we had a happy time here. Four women were baptized. Two of them were young girls, one was an old woman, and the other middle aged, wife of a Christian teacher. All were fruits of Mrs. Stephens's faithful labors in the

country. Three were members of their learners class last March. Just now Mrs. Stephens is at home nursing Howard through chickenpox, but cold as the days and night are, Miss Thompson is spending them in a country village, where a number of women are interested.

We are happy in the coming of Miss Lucy Ayers. She has already begun studying Chinese, and does joyfully whatever her hands find to do.

You may have heard how the last mission meeting located the new training school at Yang-chou for the coming year. That means that we move away from Hwanghien. Tengehou has many attractions, especially in the beloved missionaries there, but it is far from easy to think of leaving our fellow workers in Hwanghien.

The training school plans to open on the memorable date Feb. 29, 1904. To the Chinese it is the fourteenth day of the first month of the New Year. The knowledge of Russia's aggressions and of China's inability to prevent, are causing our Christians to feel much sorrow. Really the most truly patriotic people I meet are the Christians. What a pity that the rulers distrust them!

The possibility of war is causing great distress here. This, the most populous part of China, can never raise nearly enough grain for its own supply, and heretofore depended on corn imported from Manchuria. This year the Russians have allowed none to leave Manchurian ports.

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TEMPERANCE.

BY W. H. PATTON.

Trouble for Shippers of Original Packages.

The brewers of the country have rallied to fight a bill pending in Congress, which, if enacted into law, will mean the loss to them of about \$25,000,000 worth of business a year. The measure is known as the Hepburn bill in the House and the Dolliver bill in the Senate. The brewing interests have made a vigorous onslaught on the bills and propose to fight them to a finish. The Judiciary Committee of the House has set aside the mornings of March 2, 3 and 4 for hearings for and against the proposition, when it is expected that some able counsel will be on hand to indorse and oppose the bill. The temperance workers are back of the movement; and the "Christian lobby" that was so effective in bringing about the abolishment of the army canteen is again at work in favor of the Hepburn bill.

This measure is intended to break up the business of shipping liquor in original packages into prohibition and local option localities. Some years ago a judge in the State of Iowa decided that local option and prohibition laws could not prevent the delivery of beer and other liquors in original packages when shipped in from neighboring States. This decision has

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been taken advantage of by brewers to build up a flourishing trade in "dry communities." As explained by those who favor the Hepburn bill half of the express companies in the prohibition States act as liquor agencies. Boxes of beer, for instance, are shipped in a certain local option town, addressed to John Doe. Of course that individual is not found, and following the usual custom the express company disposes of the package to any person who is willing to pay the charges. In this way all who wish to get a stock of liquor can do so at wholesale prices, plus express charges.

The Hepburn bill proposes to stop all this. This measure provides that all fermented liquors transported into any State or Territory for delivery therein shall be subject to the operation and effect of the laws of such State or Territory in the same manner as though the liquors had been produced in that State or Territory. The bill makes all persons and corporations engaged in shipping liquors in this manner subject to the laws of the State wherein the goods are delivered.

This, in effect, will kill all the business that has been developed under the "original package" decision. There are twenty-nine States where local option prevails, and three prohibition States, all of which will be strictly "dry" if the Hepburn bill is adopted.

The above was sent to the Times Democrat and the New Voice has the following to say about what the brewers have accomplished. Don't be discouraged. A national victory is possible. Write or wire your Congressman and Senator at once, imploring them to vote for the passage of the Hepburn-Dolliver Interstate bill. It means home rule and a fair chance for State and local prohibition laws. The brewers and distillers will put millions of their blood money in places where it will do the most good but there may be enough

of them with no price to pass the bill.

'Twas Ever Thus.

The church has met the saloon again and it is its. In the hearing on the Hepburn bill before the Judiciary Committee the liquor lobby had no argument but 1,500,000 votes, and wanted nothing but delay. It got what it wanted.

It will be too late after the adjourned hearing to get the bill through both houses at this session.

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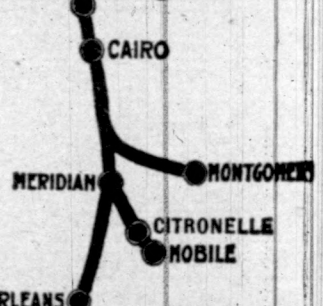
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